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## CROP YIELDS GENERALLY UP FROM LAST MONTH

Based on October 1 conditions, SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2006 crop yields are up from September for corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans and remained the same as September for tobacco, the USDA, NASS South Carolina Field Office announced today.

**COTTON** production is forecast at 435,000 bales, up 6 percent (25,000 bales) from last year and up 5,000 bales from a month ago. The 2006 yield per acre is expected to average 701 pounds, down 42 pounds from last year but up 8 pounds from last month. Acres for harvest, at 298,000, are unchanged from last month and up 33,000 acres from last year.

**CORN** production in 2006 is expected to total 29.2 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year but up 2 percent from September. Expected yield per acre of 108 bushels, is down 8 bushels from 2005 but up 2 bushels from last month. Acres for harvest as grain, at 270,000, are down 15,000 acres from 2005.

**FLUE-CURED TOBACCO** production as of October 1 is forecast at 46.2 million pounds, no change from last month's forecast, but up 10 percent from last year's production of 42.0 million pounds. The expected yield per acre of 2,100 pounds is unchanged from last month and last year. Acres for harvest, at 22,000, are unchanged from last month, but up 2,000 acres from a year ago.

**SOYBEAN** production this year is forecast at 10.9 million bushels, down 3 percent from last month but up 27 percent from 2005's production of 8.6 million bushels. The expected yield per acre of 28 bushels is up 2 bushels from the September estimate and up 7.5 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest, at 390,000, are down 30,000 from last year's harvested acres of 420,000.

**PEANUT** production is forecast at 179.2 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year, and up 3 percent from September. The expected yield per acre, at 3,200 pounds, is up 100 pounds from the September 1 forecast, and up 400 pounds from last year. Acres for harvest at 56,000, is down 4,000 acres from 2005.

## UNITED STATES 2006 PRODUCTION AND PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Corn	10.9Bil. Bu	98%	Hay, All	147Mil. Tons	98%
Soybeans	3.19Bil. Bu.	104%	Peanuts	3.27Bil. Lbs.	67%
Tobacco, F.C.	454Mil.Lbs.	119%	Cotton,Upland	19.9Mil. Bales	85%